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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Sylvain ORENGA

Group Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: 09/486,037

Examiner:

A. Navarro

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For:

CULTURE AND IDENTIFICATION MEDIA SPECIFIC OF DIFFERENT SPECIES OF

CANDIDA AND ANALYSIS METHODS

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired October 1, 2003, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 149786 in the amount of \$840.00 in payment for:

Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00) Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$420.00)

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A payment for a first one month extension of time in the amount of \$110.00 was submitted with a Petition for Extension of Time filed October 31, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two copies of this petition are enclosed.

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